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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Robert E. Wagner JR.		
Serial No.:	10/078,278	Group Art Unit:	1634
Filed:	February 20, 2002	Examiner:	Bausch, S
For:	MUTATION DETECTION USING MutS and RecA	Attorney Docket:	007274-01

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed herewith. Applicants also request a one-month extension of time to extend the time for responding to the final office action from July 12, 2005 to August 12, 2005. Attached please find a credit card charge form authorizing payment of the extension fee and the RCE filing fee. In the event that any additional fee is deemed necessary, the undersigned authorizes the charge to be applied to Deposit Account No. 50-2679.

Prior to examination, please amend and reconsider the Application as follows:

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